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and Tuesday.

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## BIG CHANCE NOW FOR THE JOBBERS TO CAPTURE TRADE

Opportunities for Dealers  
in Dry Goods, Boots,  
Shoes, and Hats.

### SECRETARY LUCHS BUSY

Sends Out Circulars Point-  
ing Advantages Wash-  
ington Offers.

What will the Washington retail  
dealers in dry goods, boots and  
shoes, and hats and caps do for  
Washington jobbing houses in these  
lines, in the event of their estab-  
lishment?

To gain an answer to this ques-  
tion, as well as it can be answered  
in advance, Secretary Monroe Luchs,  
of the Jobbers and Shippers' Asso-  
ciation, will, in a few days, send  
out a circular letter, addressed to  
the retail dealers of Washington. If  
the answers received are favorable  
and encouraging, they will go far  
toward the enlistment of local capi-  
tal in these enterprises, or the in-  
vestment by jobbers in other cities  
of the money needed to establish  
branch houses here.

#### One of Prime Objects.

To secure the establishment of job-  
bing houses in the three lines men-  
tioned was one of the primary objects  
of the Jobbers and Shippers' Asso-  
ciation. In the rush of other business  
and the effort to secure urgently need-  
ed reforms, this object has been held  
in abeyance. It was not forgotten, or  
overlooked, but it was felt that it could  
await a more favorable opportunity  
and a more auspicious time.

The time, it is thought, has now ar-  
rived. The return of business men and  
capitalists to the city has begun, and  
they are ready to listen to new propo-  
sitions and to consider the investment  
of their money for the next year. The  
Jobbers and Shippers' Association  
wants to be in a position to lay a defi-  
nite proposition before them.

#### Mr. Luchs Optimistic.

Mr. Luchs believes the answers to  
his letters will supply the material for  
this proposition. He does not antici-  
pate any difficulty in securing promises  
of support.

"I have already talked to many re-  
tailers, personally," said the secretary  
this morning. "They have expressed  
confidence, which I share, that jobbing  
houses in dry goods, boots and shoes,  
and hats and caps could and would  
do a large and profitable business in  
Washington. They have declared, more-  
over, their willingness to give the local  
houses their support, other things be-  
ing equal."

"That, of course, is all that could be  
asked or expected. It is not reasonable  
to ask a retailer to buy goods from a  
local jobber when he can buy the same  
goods from a jobber in another city at  
a smaller price or upon more favor-  
able terms. Washington jobbers in the  
new lines, just as they have been in  
the old lines, already established, will  
have to compete for their own people's  
trade. But the history of other  
jobbing houses has established the fact  
that such competition is possible and  
its results profitable."

#### Favors General Club Room.

Mr. Luchs is in favor of the estab-  
lishment in Washington of a commercial  
club, fostered by the Board of  
Trade, the Business Men's Association  
and the Jobbers and Shippers' Asso-  
ciation. It would be his plan to secure  
an entire floor of some large and hand-  
some office building, fit up attractive  
club rooms and offer opportunities to  
the members to entertain visiting mer-  
chants and prospective investors.

"It seems to me this would be an ex-  
cellent and profitable investment," said  
Mr. Luchs. "It would give us a place  
to meet our customers and business ac-  
quaintances socially and talk over mat-  
ters of our common advantage. It  
would do as much as anything I can  
think of to add to the pleasure of mer-  
chants visiting the city and make them  
want to come again."

#### Headquarters in Munsey Building.

The headquarters of the Jobbers and  
Shippers' Association, on the third floor  
of the Munsey Building, are now being  
fitted up for occupancy. It is hoped to  
have them in shape during the day and  
Assistant Secretary Woodworth Clum  
will then be in charge. The correspon-  
dence of the association has been  
hampered in the past by the lack of  
suitable quarters and Mr. Clum will  
breathe a long sigh of relief when the  
Munsey Building rooms are ready for  
his use.

### HEROIC FATHER SAVED LIVES OF HIS FAMILY

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—Frank Davis,  
of Jersey City, his wife, and five chil-  
dren were saved from death today by  
Davis' desperate courage in making his  
way while almost insensible from gas  
fumes, to the meter and cutting off the  
gas.

As he stopped the flow of gas into the  
room where his wife and five children  
were asleep he fell unconscious. All  
will recover.

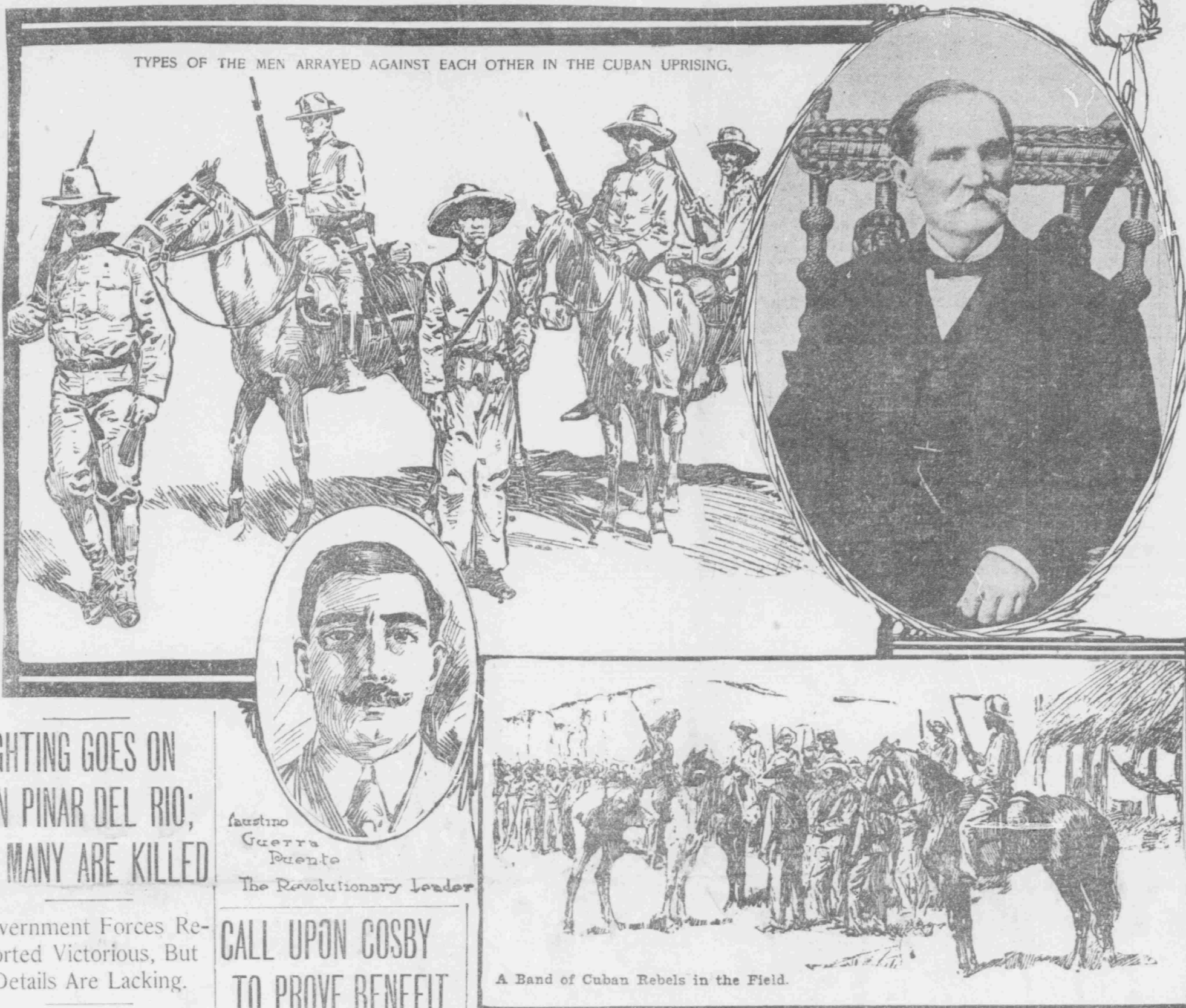
#### Lumber at Old Prices.

Lumber Truck broken. \$2.75 boards  
reduced to \$2 per 100 ft. Libbey & Co.,  
6th st. and N. Y. ave.—Adv.

## Palma Claims Victory In Battle With Cuban Rebels

TYPES OF MEN NOW FIGHTING EACH OTHER IN CUBA.

PRESIDENT PALMA.



TYPES OF THE MEN ARRAYED AGAINST EACH OTHER IN THE CUBAN UPRISING.

## FIGHTING GOES ON IN PINAR DEL RIO; MANY ARE KILLED

Government Forces Re-  
ported Victorious, But  
Details Are Lacking.

HAVANA, Sept. 10.—Fighting between  
the loyal troops and insurgents is still  
in progress near Consolacion del Sur, in  
Pinar del Rio province, and the out-  
come appears to be in doubt. Commu-  
nication is cut, making it impossible  
to get accurate detailed information as  
to just what has occurred.

In the first encounter the government  
forces, according to the most reliable  
reports, have scored a victory. Insur-  
gents still surround the town, and the  
forces although repulsed in the first at-  
tack, and the position of Colonel Avalos  
and General Diaz, commanding the  
loyalists, remains critical.

To the machine guns imported from  
the United States, and gunners com-  
manded by Captain Webster, an Ameri-  
can officer, the loyalists owe their early  
victory. When the armored train bear-  
ing the guns and re-enforcements to  
Avalos was attacked, after being de-  
railed by insurgents who tore up the  
tracks, Captain Webster with the guns  
beat back Guerra's forces.

Three Hundred Reported Dead.  
Later Colonel Avalos, with a force of  
300 infantry and 400 artillery, after a  
forced march, attacked the insurgents  
in the rear and cut his way through to  
join Diaz and Webster. Three hundred  
men are reported to have fallen in the  
battle, but no details are given apor-  
tioning the losses to the opposing forces.  
Following their repulse the insurgents  
laid siege to the town. The loyalists  
are short of provisions and the insur-  
gents hope to starve them out.  
First reports received in Havana in  
regard to the fight were to the effect

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### THE WEATHER REPORT.

Scattered thunder storms have oc-  
curred in eastern Tennessee, north-  
western Georgia, the Ohio valley, and  
in western Wisconsin and northeastern  
Iowa.

For tonight and Tuesday fair weather  
is indicated for the Washington fore-  
cast district, except that showers are  
probable Tuesday in the Ohio valley.  
It will be somewhat cooler tonight in  
New England and eastern New York,  
but elsewhere high temperatures will  
prevail for the next thirty-six hours.

The following heavy precipitation (in  
inches) has been reported during the  
past twenty-four hours: La Crosse, 1.56;  
Steamers departing today for Euro-  
pean ports will have light northwesterly  
winds and fair weather to the  
Grand Banks.

TEMPERATURE.  
9 a. m. .... 72  
12 m. .... 87  
1 p. m. .... 89  
2 p. m. .... 95

DOWNTOWN.  
(Registered Alfie's Standard Thermometer.)  
9 a. m. .... 72  
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2 p. m. .... 95

SUN TABLE.  
Sun sets today.....6:30  
Sun rises tomorrow.....5:58

TIDE TABLE.  
High tide today.....1:10 p. m.  
Low tide today.....7:48 p. m.  
High tide tomorrow.....8:40 a. m.  
Low tide tomorrow.....1:35 a. m., 2 p. m.

HARPERS FERRY, W. Va., Sept. 10.  
—Both rivers muddy.

## CALL UPON COSBY TO PROVE BENEFIT OF FILTRATION

Commissioners Ask Cap-  
tain to Reply to  
Criticism.

As the result of a story printed in a  
Memphis, Tenn., newspaper criticising  
Washington's new filtration plant and  
declaring it to be responsible for the in-  
crease of typhoid fever in the District,  
the District Commissioners have asked  
Capt. Spencer Cosby, the army officer  
in charge of the filtration plant, for an  
expression of his views as to the truth  
or falsity of the statements contained  
in the story. The Commissioners' action  
was taken after they had received a  
communication from R. H. Hommel, of  
Yickburg, Miss., who asked information  
as to whether Washington is regar-  
ded as the most unhealthy city in the  
country, and whether or not the filtration  
plant, built at an expenditure of \$3,000,000,  
is an absolute failure.

According to the writer's information,  
since the completion of the filtration  
plant, Washington has been no less than  
a pest spot, and an undesirable city in  
which to live. The information was  
gathered, he said, from the newspaper  
story which the writer inclosed. A  
paragraph, which the Commissioners  
regard as particularly lurid and objec-  
tionable, reads:

"Washington is probably the most  
unhealthy city in the country. Few if  
any cities have so high a death rate.  
Few cities have spent anything like the  
amount of money that Washington has  
on its water supply. It was supposed  
by the engineers who laid out the city  
that the water would be uncontaminated  
by sewage. What they failed to take  
into account is the sewage from Cum-  
berland, situated 100 miles up stream."

In addition to Captain Cosby's state-  
ment, the Commissioners will also send  
to Mr. Hommel a report of what Sur-  
geon General Wyman, thinking of the  
health situation in the Capital.

### DOWN 300-FOOT SHAFT TWO FALL TO DEATH

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 10.—Two  
miners, Charles Cox and Charles Fultz,  
met death in a horrible manner by fall-  
ing down the shaft of the coal mine at  
Mt. Pulaski, a distance of 300 feet,  
early today.

### BOOKBINDER LAID OFF FROM SCARCITY OF WORK

Jack Quinlan, a bookbinder employed  
in the bindery of the Government  
printing office, has been let out of the  
office on account of scarcity of work.  
He is eligible for reinstatement. Theo-  
dore Marr, a bookbinder, has resigned.

## Gen. J. Franklin Bell Sacrifices Promotion For Nearest Friend

His Action in Behalf of Brig. Gen. Jesse M.  
Lee Is Unprecedented in Annals of the  
War Department.

Rare magnanimous and self-sacrificing  
spirit has been displayed by Brig. Gen.  
J. Franklin Bell, chief of the staff of  
the army, who, upon being due for pro-  
motion to major general, has stepped  
aside in order that the honor may fall  
upon his friend, Brig. Gen. Jesse M.  
Lee. No incident in army or War De-  
partment circles in many a day has

caused the comment that has followed  
this stand.

Generals Bell and Lee have been  
close friends. General Lee will be re-  
tired for age January 7, and, as no more  
vacancies in the list of major generals  
are apt to occur before then, he would  
have quit the service a brigadier gen-  
eral. This step was taken by the chief  
of staff in order that his friend might  
be retired from long, active, and hon-  
orable service in the army with the  
higher rank and pay.

When General Bell was made chief  
of staff it was recognized by both the  
President and Secretary Taft that it  
would be embarrassing to have a brig-  
adier general in the office hitherto al-  
ways filled by the highest officer of the  
army. It was considered, however, that  
General Bell would be promoted to  
major general in September, thus giving  
him equal rank with Major General  
Ainsworth, military secretary, and a  
number of major generals of the line.  
This promotion has been declined, how-  
ever, and General Ainsworth will con-  
tinue to be Acting Secretary of War  
during the absence of Secretary Taft  
and Assistant Secretary Oliver.

Promotion for Captain Pershing.  
Another cause of almost equal com-  
ment in army circles has been the per-  
sistent rumor, the past few days, that  
Capt. John Pershing is to fill the vacan-  
cy in the list of brigadier generals  
caused by the promotion of General Lee.  
Opposition to this appointment is wide,  
for the reason that it is recognized as  
strong favoritism, nearly a thousand  
officers of higher rank being overlooked  
in this appointment.

Definite announcement of the promo-  
tion of General Lee in his stead was  
made yesterday afternoon by General  
Bell. He stated that the President had  
decided to make the promotion, and ad-  
mitted that it was being done at his  
suggestion. He stated that the promo-  
tion of Captain Pershing had not yet  
been determined upon, and, although he  
gave no assurance that it would not be  
made, he did not deny that it was un-  
der consideration by the President and  
Secretary Taft.

Changes in Other Departments.  
Coming almost simultaneously with  
these promotions, are promotions of a  
number of officers in bureau and divi-  
sions, changes to be made in both the  
paymaster's and inspector general's de-  
partments.  
The vacancy in the list of major gen-  
erals is caused by the coming retire-  
ment of General Lee.

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## SCOURING WOODS FOR HIGHWAYMAN PROBABLY SHOT

Couple Attacked, Robbed  
and Beaten in Alex-  
andria County.

Suspecting that the man who brutally  
beat and robbed Miss Mabel Risley, of  
429 R street northwest, and Morris Good-  
ing, of Garrett Park, Md., near Luna  
Park last night, is the same per-  
son who made a murderous attack  
upon Miss Tessie Bywater and Joseph  
Settle on Thursday night in the same  
spot, with robbery as his motive, the  
authorities of Alexandria are making  
every effort to apprehend him today.

Sheriff Palmer, all of his deputies,  
police of Alexandria, and residents of  
the county whose ire has been aroused  
by the two assaults, started out yester-  
day afternoon on a man hunt and it  
was long after dark before they returned  
from the woods and fields.

This morning they resumed the search,  
and if the man is caught it is not un-  
likely that he will be summarily pun-  
ished.

#### Can Identify Highwayman.

Miss Risley says she got a good look  
at the man, who was colored, because  
he wrestled with and choked her for  
some moments, cursing all the while  
because she made an outcry.

Gooding stated to police of the First  
precinct in this city that he shot at the  
man after regaining consciousness and  
believes the bullet struck the bold high-  
wayman in the neck or back. Both say  
they can identify the colored man.

Hospital authorities in this city and  
Alexandria have been requested to keep  
a lookout for a wounded and colored man  
who may visit the institutions today  
and ask for treatment. Farmers in Alex-  
andria and Fairfax counties have been  
asked to watch for the man, and police  
of this city are also aiding in the search.

#### Felled to the Ground.

Miss Risley and her companion had  
been enjoying the amusements in Luna  
Park and decided to walk around the  
grounds outside the fence while waiting  
for a car. They strolled up into the  
woods, and when they heard the whistle  
of a car they turned around and start-  
ed back down the path. When they  
reached the spot where Settle and Miss  
Bywater were assaulted a vicious look-  
ing, roughly dressed colored man jump-  
ed out of the bushes, and before either  
of them could turn to face him he felled  
Gooding to the ground with a heavy  
stick. While the young man was pro-  
strated on the ground the colored man  
rained blows upon his head.

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## CANNON WRECK HEBREW HOMES IN POLISH CITY

Massacre in Siedlce, Be-  
gun Saturday Night,  
Continues and City  
Runs Blood.

### BAZAAR ABLAZE; GHOULS ABROAD

Reign of Terror Exists and  
Hebrew Women Are Vic-  
tims of Attacks by Bes-  
tial Troops.

WARSAW, Poland, Sept. 10.—Ar-  
tillery was called into service today  
by the troops engaged in the mas-  
sacre of Hebrews at Siedlce, and the  
houses in which Hebrews and their  
revolutionary allies had entrenched  
themselves and were firing on the  
soldiers, were quickly destroyed.

Following the destruction of the  
Jewish strongholds and the exter-  
mination of the defenders the town  
is becoming quieter. Desultory fir-  
ing still continues in some sections  
of the city, but some semblance of  
order is being restored and it is  
hoped that the worst is over.

Traces of the ruin wrought by the  
soldiers are to be seen on every  
hand. Over 150 Hebrew shops were  
entered and looted. At almost every  
shop there was a fight before the  
soldiers gained admission. Bullet-  
holes in the buildings show the  
severity of the soldiers' fire, and  
in many of the shops the bodies of  
the owners still lie where the vic-  
tims fell.

#### Estimate of Fatalities Lower.

More conservative estimates are  
given this evening as to the number  
of killed and injured. One hundred  
killed and 400 injured are the latest  
figures. Added to the number of  
1,000 persons have been made. In  
many instances these prisoners  
were severely beaten. No effort has  
been made to alleviate their suf-  
ferings.

The great Bazaar of Siedlce is aflame.  
Already six buildings are ablaze and  
there is little possibility of checking the  
fire because of the utter demoralization  
of all the town's resources.

To add to the terror of the situation,  
bands of thieves are looting stores be-  
longing to Hebrew merchants.

Great crowds of Hebrews surround  
the railway station, hoping to be able  
to flee from the town, but they are pre-  
vented by armed guards who are re-  
fusing to let anybody leave the place  
or enter it.

#### Like Kishinev Horror.

The massacre at Siedlce, Russian Pol-  
and, is the worst occurring in Russia  
since the Kishinev horror. Atrocities  
which beggar description have been  
committed, and the end is not yet in  
sight.

Fighting has been resumed, and it is  
feared there will be terrible loss of life  
and untold damage to property before  
order can be restored.

For the most part the victims are  
Hebrews, although many Christians  
who tried to protect helpless Hebrews  
from the fury of the troops were shot  
down or bayoneted.

During the outbreak Jewish women  
were made the special victims of  
drunken soldiers. Many were assaulted  
in the open streets, and horrible scenes  
were witnessed on every hand. Bestial  
troopers pursued young Jewesses, who  
ran shrieking through the streets, cry-  
ing "Jehovah, protect me."

#### Siedlce in Flames.

Siedlce is today in flames.

The massacre, which began on Sat-  
urday night, continued all day Sunday  
and Sunday night and dispatches today  
say that a reign of terror exists.

Troops have surrounded the town and  
refuse access to it. All the Hebrews  
that can are taking flight.

The horror of the outbreak was in-  
creased by incendiary fires.

All day long the soldiers, drunk from  
looted wine, attacked civilians, Chris-  
tians and Hebrews, robbing and mur-  
dering them without discrimination.

For more than twenty-four hours the  
city ran with blood and hundreds of  
persons were killed and the hospitals  
choke with wounded.

#### Fifty Soldiers Killed.

The savage brutalities of the sol-  
diers were not committed, however,  
without loss on their part. For the  
first time in the history of the pogroms,  
which have disgraced Russia, the He-  
brews offered something like organized  
resistance. Led by revolutionists, the  
Hebrews entrenched themselves in  
houses and fired from the windows upon  
the besiegers. Fully fifty soldiers were  
killed or wounded. The killing of troops  
only infuriated the soldiers, and they  
returned to the attack with increased  
fury.

With the savageness of wild animals  
they fired indiscriminately into crowds  
of Hebrews in the streets and bayo-  
netted helpless victims who had been  
wounded by their bullets.  
Today the soldiers are still in full